

United States Attorney Southern District of New York

PRESS ADVISORY AND CONFERENCE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY JAMES B. COMEY WILL HOLD A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE AT 1:00 P.M. TODAY, MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2003, WITH ROSE GILL HEARN, COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION, AND JOHN VARRONE, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT IN NEW YORK, TO ANNOUNCE THE UNSEALING OF AN INDICTMENT CHARGING RUSSELL HARDING, A FORMER SENIOR PUBLIC OFFICIAL, WITH FRAUD AND RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY.

DATE: MARCH 17, 2003

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

ONE ST. ANDREW'S PLAZA, IN THE LOBBY

NEW YORK CITY

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NOTE: PRESS CREDENTIALS ARE MANDATORY.

NO ONE CAN BE ADMITTED WITHOUT PROPER I.D.

PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 1:00 P.M. PLEASE

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